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In re application of:

Hideo Yamakura, et al.

Application No.: 10/025,154

Filed: December 18, 2001

For: New title: MAGNETIC HEAD
WITH ELECTRO-LAPPING GUIDE;
(original title: THIN-FILM MAGNETIC
HEAD)

Customer No.: 20350

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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed February 23, 2004, please enter the following amendments and remarks:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 10 of this paper.